MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Government have received any representation from the public?

MR. G. B. E TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I claim notice.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether I am putting these questions to the Government or to the Chief Engineer?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): To the Chief Engineer to be answered on behalf of Government.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): That is why I ask whether the Government is aware whether any representation has been received by the Government or the Chief Engineer from the public of Arianad or from any other part of the taluk for the reconstruction of the bridge?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I said I have no information. But I will say that the bridge that the member refers to is now in fair condition.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Nedumangad Tahsildar has made any representation either to the Government or the Revenue Commissioner for the reconstruction of that bridge?

MR. G B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I claim notice.

Traffic from Uzhamalakkal Pakuthi Cutcherry to Arianad bridge.

26. ❋ MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that the passenger traffic and other traffic are closed from Uzhamalakkal Pakuthi Cutcherry to Arianad bridge and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, how long it is since it was closed?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*):

(*a*) Wheeled traffic alone was closed.

(*b*) From about the beginning of 1109.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know the purpose with which wheeled traffic was closed in the road?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Owing to the unsafe condition of the bridge on the 8th mile 3rd furlong.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether it is a bridge or a culvert?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I take it that it is a bridge.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government the length of the bridge as well as its width?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I must ask for notice.

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MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know why it is kept closed for such a long time ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : Owing to repairs having to be done.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether an estimate has been called for two years ago and sanction of the amount was made for the reconstruction of the bridge ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer. Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : I claim notice.

Extension and completion of the Chittar road.

27. ✻ MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when the construction of the Chittar road was sanctioned;

(*b*) how many miles of the road have been constructed;

(*c*) when it was constructed;

(*d*) how many miles more remain to be constructed for its completion

(*e*) whether a grant for the annual maintenance of the completed portion of the road is sanctioned :

(*f*) whether the whole of the completed portion of the road is annually maintained ; and

(*g*) why the completion of the road is postponed indefinitely ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) :

(*a*) The construction of the first six miles of the road was sanctioned in February 1930 and the 7th mile in February 1931.

(*b*) First seven miles.

(*c*) in 1933.

(*d*) 5¼ miles.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) Yes.

(*g*) For want of funds.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the Government the amount allotted per mile for the annual maintenance of the Chittar Road?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : Rs. 300 for the first six miles and Rs. 40 for the remaining miles.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether the Government are aware that, from the 7th mile onwards, though money is allotted for the annual maintenance, it is not made use of for the last so many years ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : No

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether Government would ask the Chief Engineer to investigate the affairs and see that the amount for the annual maintenance is utilised ?

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